Foreign exchange earning and expenditure of private companies

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SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foreign exchange expenditure by the Private companies has been more than the foreign exchange earnings of these companies since the year 1978-79;

(b) if so, what are the details of the foreign exchange sanctioned to the top 400 private companies and foreign exchange earned year-wise since 1978-79 then; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) Companies in India make remittances in foreign exchange for various purposes such as dividends, royalties, technical know-how fees, import of capital goods, employment of foreign technicians, training of Indians abroad etc. Under the Companies Act, companies are statutorily required to publish information on their foreign exchange remittances as part of their balance sheets. However, information on the pattern asked for has not been compiled by Government for 400 top companies.

Financial irregularities noticed in the accounts of New Bank of India

1051. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Financial irregularities" while preparing balance sheet for the current year were detected in the New Bank of India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that top most executives involved in this case are still in their posts and the action has been taken against some other officers who were not concerned with this case;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken to have proper investigation into the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that after finalisation of Annual Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account for the year 1989-90, New Bank of India had noticed that an item of expenditure was erroneously classified which distorted the profit figure earlier arrived at by the Bank. As advised by RBI, New Bank of India has since redrawn its Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account for the year 1989-90. The Balance Sheet as certified by the Statutory Auditors of the Bank has been adopted by its Board of Directors. The Bank has also initiated disciplinary action against certain officials responsible for this accounting lapse.

Export target for 1990-91

1052. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the export target fixed for 1990-91 and Government's strategy to achieve these targets;

(b) the estimated contribution from export of agricultural commodities; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the share of agriculture based industries in the total export?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) The export target for 1990-91 is fixed at Rs. 36,000 crores. The key elements of the export strategy for 1990-91 include: availability of raw materials, components and capital goods to exporters at World